



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
2005 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

These workshops have been developed as a resource for elected members of the City's Officially-Recognized Community Planning Groups.

The Planning Department will be hosting the April 24th Community Orientation Workshop (COW) as well as the October 27th Mini-COW. Attendance at a COW is mandatory for elected planning group members.

The Development Services Department will be hosting the advanced workshops for elected planning group members including the CEQA, Condo Conversion and Development Review Workshops. These workshops are developed to provide elected planning group members with tools to better assess and review projects and issues that may come before them for a recommendation.

The Development Services Department hosts separate workshops on many of the same topics for members of the public or from the development community. For upcoming public workshops and events, please access the Development Services Department Website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/news/events.shtml>.

January 26th – In-depth Review Session on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – *Advanced Workshop*

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

This advanced CEQA session is a follow-up to the basic session given at the 4-hour COW. This session will provide a higher level of review on how the City assesses environmental issues, how their review affects public and private development projects, tips for using environmental documents when reviewing a project as well as an overview of the public review process.

February 28th - Condo Conversion Workshop

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

This advanced workshop will provide information relating to the Condo Conversion process and will provide an overview of the State Map Act as well as the City's Land Development Code regulations for condo conversions.

April 23rd- Community Orientation Workshop (COW)**Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa****Time: 8:30 a.m. – Noon, RSVP required to attend**

Attendance by all elected planning group members at a COW session is required by City Council Policy 600-24, “Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Committees”. The COW session will assist community planning committee members in understanding how members and their respective planning groups can be indemnified in case of legal action against the group. It’s also a great opportunity to hear dialogue about operations of community planning groups, and the generally required procedures. This is a 4-hour workshop that includes breakout sessions with speakers from a variety of City departments.

May 31st – Planning Committee Operations Workshop**Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa****Time: 6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend**

Each year City staff conducts a training session for community planning group chairs and vice-chairs to maximize meeting effectiveness. Topics of discussion include agendas, running the meetings, Council Policy 600-24 Administration Guidelines, and the Brown Act. The workshop is intended to assist chairs and vice-chairs in maximizing meeting effectiveness techniques. It's also a great opportunity to hear dialogue about generally required procedures, operations of other community planning groups, and to share planning committee experiences and information with other chairs and vice-chairs.

June 29th – Development Services Department “What to Know When Reviewing Projects” Workshop – *Advanced Workshop***Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa****Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend**

Recognized community planning groups have a role in the review of discretionary projects in their community. This advanced development review training session is a follow-up to the basic session given at the 4-hour COW. This session will provide members with a higher level of understanding of the City’s review process and additional techniques for providing effective comments to the City for consideration and inclusion with the decision makers’ information on the project.

October 27th – Mini-Community Orientation Workshop**Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa.****Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend**

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great opportunity to hear dialogue about operations of community planning groups, and the generally required procedures. This is a 2-hour abbreviated version of the 4-hour Saturday workshop. The break-out sessions that are part of the 4-hour workshop are not included in this workshop.

November 30th - Development Services Department “What to Know When Reviewing Projects” Workshop – *Advanced Session*

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

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